



Now Accepting Kent Butler Scholarship Applications

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is seeking student applicants for six scholarships to attend Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's five-day overnight [Aquatic Science Adventure Camp](#) at Texas State University in San Marcos. These scholarships are worth \$1000 - the cost of attending one of these multi-day overnight camps.

These funds are part of the District's annual Kent Butler Scholarship Program. **Deadline to submit your application is Friday, March 22, 2024.** Winners will be announced by Friday, March 29. You can learn more about the camps here: www.eardc.txst.edu/camp/session-schedule.

Scholarships are open to students ages 9 through 14 who reside in one of the school districts which overlap the Aquifer District boundary including:

- Austin
- Del Valle
- Eanes
- Hays
- Lockhart
- San Marcos
- Wimberley

Interested students must submit the following to be considered:

1. Completed application
2. One-page essay entitled "Why I want to attend the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp"

Bonus points: Submit a one-page artwork that captures "Science and Outdoor Adventure" (ex. scuba diving, caving, fishing, field research, etc.) Artwork should be done on a separate page from the essay. (This is optional and not required for submission to be considered!)

Summer Camp Scholarship Application Form

Name of scholarship applicant: _____

Name of parent or legal guardian: _____

Home mailing address: _____

City, state, zip code: _____

Parent/legal guardian's phone number: _____

Parent/legal guardian's email address: _____

Applicant's school: _____ Current grade level: _____

School district: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about the camp scholarship program? _____

Select all Aquatic Science Adventure Camp sessions you're available for.

Note: **Applicants can only receive a camp scholarship from the District once. Please do not apply if you have won one previously. Answering this question will provide the District information on demand for and availability of camps.*

Camps for students ages 9-12:

- Overnight Expedition Camp 1 (June 2 - 7)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 3 (June 16 - 21)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 5 (July 7 – 12)

Camp for students ages 12-14:

- Overnight Expedition Camp 2 (June 9 - 14)
- Overnight Expedition Camp 4 (June 23 – 28)

Essay Submission (Required)

Please submit a one-page essay entitled “Why I want to attend the Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp”. Essays should include what the student hopes to learn and do at camp. This can be handwritten or typed.

Art Submission (Optional)

Include a one-page artwork entry that captures “Science and Outdoor Adventure”. As an example, your artwork could include a colorful drawing of river rafting, scuba diving, exploring a cave, fishing, or anything related to science and outdoor adventure. Artwork should be done on a page of paper separate from the essay.

Submitting Application Materials

Applications can be submitted via email to shlavaty@bseacd.org with “Camp Scholarship Application” in the subject line. You can also submit it via mail or drop it by the District’s office. Please staple your essay/optional artwork to this application and mail or drop off documents to:

Shay Hlavaty
Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
1124 Regal Row
Austin, TX 78748

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, March 22. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a District committee. Only completed applications with completed forms/essays will be eligible for the scholarship contest.

Please read, sign, and submit the following:

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Camp Scholarship Contest, and I have not won a BSEACD Camp Scholarship previously. In addition, if selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission to use my name, photo, essay, and/or artwork on the District website, social media, and/or newsletter.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/legal guardian’s signature: _____ Date: _____